

AFFAIRS OF THE CITY.

Interesting Letter from Councilman Spencer Clawson.

AS TO MUNICIPAL FUNDS.

HIS REPLY TO THE VIEWS OF A BANKER.

Sewer Contractors Need Money—Water Maina Being Extended—Heavy Payments on Warrants—Pay Rolls Cancelled—Police and Fire Commission—Reports from the Departments.

One of the most important and interesting matters under consideration by the city council, now that the bond and sewer questions have been practically settled, is that of the loaning of the city's surplus funds to local or foreign bankers for the period of eight months or less, at a rate of interest to be decided upon by the parties at interest. The father of the resolution contends that the money should not be allowed to remain idle while the city is not in need but is paying out interest to the bondholders at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. On the other hand, the bankers of the city argue that they have aided the city in its hour of distress and, being taxpayers and not able to pay interest on call money, are entitled to whatever little use the spare cash can be put to during the time it is in the hands of the treasurer, should that official make deposits with them. The further argument is that the treasurer has given a heavy bond for the safe keeping of the city's funds and the council has nothing to do with the disposition of the funds while they are in the hands of the treasurer, provided the latter has paid promptly, as long as there is money in sight. It is very probable that the matter will be called up and settled at the coming meeting of the council, and in view of the differences of opinion among the members of the council, a prediction as to the outcome would be guess work, pure and simple. In this same connection, Mr. Clawson has written the following interesting letter, stating his position:

Salt Lake City, June 9, 1894.

To the Editor of The Herald.

In your issue of the 8th appears an account of an interesting "talk with a local banker." I regret the local banker did not allow his name to appear in your columns, for it would be of great interest to the local taxpayer to know which of the fifteen entertain the ideas expressed in the editorial. It certainly could not be any of the bankers who, a year ago, were so anxious to reform the city government, and place business men in the council, who would not repeat the methods of the Liberal administration, for the fifty were firm in the stand they took on the "million of the city's finances." The city has, in the hands of the fifteen million dollars, the proceeds of the first payment on the \$300,000 bond sale. There is one outstanding obligation of \$320,000, which, of course, must be met. As the banks hold the warrants, purchased from the city's creditors at a price ranging from \$3 to 97 cents, there will be some profit in that purchase to which they are entitled.

The "president of one of the heaviest banks in the city," says it would be an injustice and a reflection on the credit of the city to deposit the surplus money in an eastern bank that would pay a fair rate of interest for its use. I fail to see this; in fact, the contrary, in that the city would be able to secure a better rate of interest on its money. It would show that we have a reform council, and an honest treasurer, and that they were looking to the taxpayers' welfare. It is certain in the assertion that those banks receiving the deposit yesterday were credited by their New York correspondents and today receiving the benefit of from 15 per cent. to 3 per cent. on the funds, and the city is paying 5 per cent. on the bonds. The city does not feel the paying interest on call loans, yet there are responsible institutions, like the National Park bank of New York and others, who do; then, why not in the name of reason, deposit the people's money where it will do the people some good, instead of in local banks? The claim that during the trying times of last year the banks maintained the city's credit is not tenable to the extent claimed by the local banker. It is a well known fact that they would loan money only at excessive rates, and then only on absolute security. This, of course, is banking, and I do not blame them, but the citizens at large received no direct or indirect benefit.

Today the surplus in the banks is far in excess of the usual reserves, growing from \$10 to \$30 per cent. of the deposits, and this city cash will only swell the reserves and permit the banks to loan the people's money, at least 50 per cent. of 10 to 10 per cent. or more for six months or a year's time. If our local banks will pay as much interest as the city can get for its money, I say unhesitatingly deposit it with them, but if they refuse it is the absolute duty of the officials to send it east, and carry out their pledges of conducting the city's affairs as business men, not influenced by the claims of local banks, which are governed by a desire for revenue only. Yours truly, SPENCER CLAWSON.

Want an Early Payment.

The sewer contractors want a payment of \$25,000 at once and they want it very badly. To this end they are working among the members of the council and when the supplemental contract and the matter of bondsmen are considered on Tuesday night it is very probable that some move will be made to arrive at the manner of payment of the bonus authorized by this council. At first the contractors stated that they were not desirous of immediate payment. All that they desired was the assurance that the payment would be made in the due course of time. They have experienced a change of heart, however, and now are reaching for the cash. In explanation it is said that two of the former contractors, Messrs. Houshman and Griffin, will withdraw and the remaining three must have the money in order to pay off the others. It has been suggested that as there is no other method of compelling the contractors to abide by the clause at the time of the completion of the system have just been let, one of them going to San Francisco and the other to Omaha. One shipment of ten cars of the material is expected to arrive any day. The local cement works are experiencing a great many delays and it will now be several weeks before any of the product is upon the market. This is unfortunate, as the promoters of the enterprise promise as good results as are obtained with the Portland cement and was their product upon the market it would not be necessary to let the contracts to foreign houses, provided the quality of the home cement was as good as that of the imported.

Making Some Extensions.

The water works department is extending the water main on Capitol Hill some 400 feet down East Capitol avenue, for the purpose of giving the residents on the brow of the hill better service than at present. A valve has been put in at the corner of Fifth street and O streets for the purpose of regulating the pressure of the water in the mains of the north bench system. Repairs have been made during the week in the tanks of the City Creek system, and that property is now in splendid condition. It is rumored that a fight will be made against the construction of Major Daley as superintendent of water works. Charges of a personal nature have been made and there may be developed in the council a spirit of antagonism to let him defeat the choice of the mayor, although the friends of the mayor are confident of victory.

Heavy Payments on Warrants.

At the present rate of payment it will be possible to at once draw upon the New York Life Insurance company for the remaining \$300,000 and interest due on bonds. Treasurer Duke has now paid \$187,000 in the interest of outstanding warrants. All of the city banks sent in large amounts for cancellation, one of the private financial institutions alone holding \$88,000.

These payments included the cancellation of the \$5,000 warrants ordered issued to the Culmer, Jennings paving company for the purpose of the improvement made by the council in excess of the engineer's estimate. The mayor had threatened to order payment stopped if the council let the paving slide, having once vetoed the claim.

Time Checks Called In.

City Treasurer Duke yesterday made formal call for all outstanding time checks, and commencing on Monday the checks will be called in. There are now outstanding checks to the value of \$61,414.87.

Pay Rolls Cancelled.

City Auditor Raybould and his assistants yesterday paid the following rolls, dated to the 25th of May: Eighth ward square grading, \$3,478.28; Building proper, 2,367.42; Conduit and boiler house, 508.32. In addition, the general appropriation list, whose total was \$10,003.33, was paid in warrants.

License Collections.

The license collections for the week aggregated \$2,075.55, divided as follows: Miscellaneous, \$247.25; merchants', \$328.30; liquor, \$1,500.

Will Meet on Monday.

On Monday afternoon the board of police and fire commissioners will meet for the first time in a month. The board has several matters of more or less importance upon the table awaiting action, among them being the setting of the date of hearing of cases of appeal from the board of police officers, and the investigation requested by the city council as to the authority of the chief of police in ordering the police to leave the city line. The committee of finance has refused to approve the pay roll of the special police who acted in the places of the regular police on the 25th of May on the campaign, and the board has been requested to report to the council upon the question of their payment. The board of the board of two of the members of the board it is impossible to hold a meeting before this time.

Confirmation Certain.

The nomination of President Doremus of the board of public works is now before the council and the confirmation will, without doubt, take place on Tuesday night. Two weeks ago the council informed the salary of the president from \$500 per annum to \$1,500 per annum, in order that the amount might be more in keeping with the amount of work required of Mr. Doremus, and at the last meeting of the council the latter resigned the position, only to be reappointed on Tuesday night. It is now necessary for the president of the board to resign his entire time to the duties of his office on account of the great amount of work in connection with the sewer, and the members of the council, with the mayor, took the view that it was out of the question to expect Mr. Doremus to devote all of his time and energy to the road of the city for such a meagre salary. For this reason the law governing such matters was circumvented and the salary was more than doubled. In case the nomination of Mr. Doremus is confirmed on Tuesday the board will hold a meeting on Wednesday night.

Water to Be Shut Off.

In accordance with the ordinances of the city the assessor and collector of water rates will shut off the water from all houses and blocks, the owners of which are delinquent on the 10th day of June. It is necessary for the collector to either report the water shut off or the taxes paid by the end of the present month. There are a great many delinquents, and the city of Delhi is now devoting the greater part of his time. The payments must be made by the last day of the month.

Those Ten Bonds.

The finance committee has practically decided to deliver the remaining ten bonds of the 1892 issue, now in New York, to the purchasers, Blair & Company, provided the company agrees to waive the interest to the first day of July. These bonds brought but 30 per cent. on a forced sale, and the committee do not see why Blair & Co. should be allowed to make 10 per cent. on the bonds and then clear the interest without having ever put up one dollar of the purchase price. At the meeting to be held on Tuesday some report will be made by the committee.

Final Estimate Nearly Complete.

City Engineer Young and his office have about completed the final estimate of sidewalk work done by Frank Harrison, and a report will be made to the board of public works at its next meeting. The field force of engineers is still engaged in straightening out the lines of the city and in making private surveys. On account of the silence of the council, it is impossible to complete the rebate lists for the Main, First and Second South streets paving. The council must compromise with the Salt Lake City Railroad company, whereby \$30,000 was cut off of the estimate of work done on the railroad. This leaves the amount to be charged to some account, just which is the question that is bothering the engineer.

Delinquent Special Taxes.

There are now delinquent special taxes to the amount of \$20,000 on the books of the special tax collector for the West Temple paving district, South Temple, First and Second South streets sidewalks and the North Temple conduit. These taxes were delinquent on the 3rd of the present month and the properties will soon be advertised for sale.

Building Permits.

The building inspector issued the following building permits during the past week: Eugene Lewis, for a two-story brick and stone residence and barn, on First street, between O and P streets, to cost \$2,000; for a brick residence,

at 17 J street, to cost \$2,500.

Joseph Smith, for the reconstruction on his residence, at 564 East Sixth South, bargained some six months ago, to cost \$1,500.

Mrs. F. Bergman, for a one-story brick, at 438 South, Third East, to cost to \$1,500.

Permits for repairs whose estimated costs aggregate \$500, were also issued.

Health Department.

Diphtheria has again made its appearance in the city after an absence of several months, and two cases were reported to the health department. Seven new cases of scarlet fever were also reported. During the week eleven burials and two shipping permits were issued. One of the deaths resulted from scarlet fever. There were twenty births.

The provision inspector made 193 inspections and tested four samples of milk.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Held Yesterday Over the Remains of John Desfist.

Coroner Taylor and a jury yesterday investigated the death of John Desfist, the miner found in a snow drift in Big Cottonwood canyon on Thursday morning. The witnesses testified that on the 26th of November, 1893, the deceased left the City Rock mine in Little Cottonwood canyon for the purpose of going over the mountain to the Prince of Wales mine, in Big Cottonwood canyon, to work for the Utah mine. Desfist was warned of the threatening condition of the weather. The distance between the two mines is something over a mile.

When the deceased left the City Rock mine it was snowing, and until the 6th day of December nothing was heard of the man. On Thursday two Italian miners who were working in the City Rock found the body near the trail, between the two properties. The man had evidently been caught in a snowdrift, for his feet were pointed up the hill, and the body was doubled up somewhat. The snow was falling off and the men were searching for the body, they being certain that Desfist had perished in the storm. A verdict was rendered in accordance with these facts.

POLICE COURT.

Thirteen Alleged Offenders Before Judge Smith Yesterday.

Thirteen alleged offenders were arraigned in the police court yesterday, and of these nine were convicted. Telephone Cloutier, who was charged with an assault upon his son, was given a hearing and discharged. The evidence showed that the man had been guilty of no serious offense.

The charge of willful destruction of property preferred against Mrs. Florence Spaulding will be investigated on Tuesday morning.

W. P. Lindsay, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was discharged but fined \$10 for drunkenness. In company with John Woods and Minnie Halley, Lindsay went into Busby's alley on Friday night and sent five delegates to the county convention, and for the same reason was charged with the trespass of the three. Lindsay was charged with exhibiting a pistol and threatening to kill Henry George Henry, whose tenants complained of the trespass of the three. Lindsay was charged with exhibiting a pistol and threatening to kill Henry George Henry, whose tenants complained of the trespass of the three.

The woman and Woods were each fined \$10 for drunkenness.

Four bicycle riders were assessed \$3 each for riding their wheels on the sidewalk within the prohibited limits.

Several drunks and vagrants were disposed of without ceremony.

BUILDING A HOUSE IN BERMDA.

Any man who chooses may escape the thin coating of earth off from his proposed building site and proceed to lay up the walls of his habitation with the hard rock of the island. This is the case with the house of Mr. George Henry, who has been excavating his cellar. Thus when the earth is dug the house may be ready for roof. It has the advantage of being made of the same material as the roof for the roofs in Bermuda, a trifle different, made out of this same white sand, so soft that one may cut with a ordinary hand saw ten hours a day for six months without refilling the saw. It may be saved into slabs two or three inches thick and eighteen inches square, and it has the advantage of being first quarried, it hardens upon exposure. Moisture permeates it easily, however, and it is desirable that a building should be covered with a thin coating of Portland cement, or a mixture of common plaster with cement. This coating is then treated with a heavy coat of white wash. The roofs and chimneys, as well as the walls, are kept constantly whitewashed, and are absolutely as white as the driven snow.—Review of Reviews.

LAND AT THE NORTH POLE.

There is no reasonable doubt that there exists in the Arctic ocean, somewhere in the vicinity of the north pole, an ice-covered land of considerable extent. This is evident from the character of the icebergs observed at various points within the Arctic ocean, for there are different classes of icebergs, as there are different kinds of coal, and the difference between the icebergs, or paleocrystic icebergs, and the ordinary icebergs of the north Atlantic is as great and as easily distinguishable as is the difference between a block of bituminous coal and one of anthracite. The icebergs are distinguished by their form, great uniformity of height, rectangular shape, nearly flat surface, perpendicular cliffs, and especially from their laminated structure. Whenever paleocrystic icebergs are seen in the far north, before its face has suffered much from the melting action of the sun, a close observer notes that it presents along its front a series of faint blue lines, separated by interspaces of opaque white. These lines show a stratification due to yearly accumulations of snow upon a nearly level surface, which are transformed gradually into ice, and each line also represents the limit of the accumulation of a single year. In a similar manner are formed the glaciers of the Alps and Greenland, but these latter ice-sheets are torn, distorted and reformed a thousand times in their descent down rapid slopes and through confining valleys of greater or less width. Icebergs, then, are parts of great ice-sheets which, formed from successive snowfalls over a land area of no great elevation and very gentle gradients, flow downward from its highest level in the direct least resistance. The slope being gentle, the ice moves gradually seaward, with its structure unchanged and its stratification unbroken, and passes slowly into the ocean, whence eventually its buoyancy causes it to rise and disrupt in a vast mass from the main sheet.—Gen. A. W. Greeley.

HOW HE LOST HER.

Tenderly but firmly disengaging himself from her clinging embrace, he looked steadily into her swimming eyes. And yet he doubted. "Do you swear?" he asked. Upon the instant the demeanor changed. "None of your business," she abruptly replied.

When he had gone, she sat, numb with despair, and wondered who could have been near, the time she pounded her finger.

Public School Teachers' Examination.

An examination for certificates to teach in the public schools of Salt Lake city will be held in the High school assembly room, commencing Tuesday, June 19, 1894, at 9 a. m. All teachers-elect and applicants for positions as teachers are expected to be present. Stationery furnished by the board.

J. F. MILLSAUGH, Supt. Public Schools.

Friends of Eddie Pierce are so gladdened by the excellent showing he made against the "Kentucky Rosebud" that there is some talk of putting Pierce up against Nixon again.

ATTENTION DEMOCRATS!

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The Fresh Young Man Tells of the Characteristics of the Mullygrub.

The fresh young man sat at the head of the table. He was eating a fish. A red faced man dressed in a tuxed suit came in and was shown by the head waiter to a seat on the left of the fresh young man. The red faced man was an Englishman. At least he had an English accent that sounded as if it was his by right and not by adoption. He gave the waiter an order, and while he was waiting he began talking with the fresh young man.

"Pardon me," the red faced man began, "but would you mind telling me what kind of a fish that is you are eating?"

"Certainly not," replied the fresh young man, beamingly. "This is a very excellent specimen of what is known locally as the mullygrub. It is a fish that is found in great quantities in the shoal waters of Lake Erie, the lake on the shore of which this city stands, and so far as I know, is caught nowhere else. It grows to a length of two feet sometimes, but is at its best for eating purposes when about ten inches long. It is delicately flavored, many persons claiming that the flavor is that of an excellent champagne, while others insist that it tastes of Medford rum. That point has long been a matter of local contention, but I am reliably informed that in the older days the Indians who lived originally in these parts distilled the mullygrub into a fine brandy, and I think the rum partisans of today have rather the best of it."

"Indeed," broke in the red faced man, "that is very astonishing."

"Oh, yes," continued the fresh young man, "but it is not the most surprising thing about these fish. Their greatest peculiarity is the manner in which they are caught. They are simply cut by a fisherman with a hook and line. They will not bite at any bait yet invented by man. Nor is it possible to catch them with a net. Their dorsal fins are sharper than a knife blade, and when caught in a net they simply cut their way out to liberty. For this reason fishermen do not cast a net in places where the mullygrub are known to abound. The only way to catch these fish is to hire a German band to play the wedding march from 'Lohengrin' while standing on the shore. So great an admiration have these fish for music, furnished by German bands, and for that one tune that they will jump up to shore and wriggle their way out on the sand. Then it is easy to gather them up. That is the way the entire fish is secured, and thus many tourists who are in the city for the purpose of comfortable living when otherwise they would be obliged to walk around the streets for an uncertain income, to say the least."

"How very extraordinary!" murmured the red faced man.

"It certainly is," went on the fresh young man, "but there is still another habit of the mullygrub which is unique. The female mullygrub does not have the roe common to fish. Instead she lays eggs which resemble the eggs of a roe being of pale blue, though somewhat smaller than those of a roe. These eggs are deposited in the sand after midnight in the full of the moon, and during days when the sun is not shining the male mullygrub sits on them to keep them warm. The little mullygrubs are born with four legs, which they use to walk with into the water after they are hatched. In three days these legs drop off and fin appear."

"I can hardly believe it," said the red faced man.

"Oh, yes; yes, indeed. What I have told you can easily be verified anywhere in Buffalo. Then again when the mullygrub reaches the age of one year it sheds its skin. It also has the faculty on occasion of changing its color. I have seen a mullygrub, when in good spirits, change rapidly from red to white and then to blue and after that take on a combination of green and colors, with a small patch of stars just where the head joins the body. But it is possible you have never heard of this wonderful fish?"

"It certainly is," replied the red faced man.

"May I inquire where you live? You are an Englishman, are you not?"

"No, not exactly. I was born in England, but just at present I am engaged in superintending the large fish hatchery establishment in Canada."

And the fresh young man faintly—Buffalo Express.

UTAH DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

Engrossed Resolutions on the Death of Wendell Benson.

Shortly after the death of Wendell Benson, the Utah Democratic society adopted suitable resolutions, which were referred to a committee to have engrossed. These resolutions were sent to New York by the committee, and were engrossed by Mr. Dennis, one of the foremost artists in the country in pen work. They have now been received and the work was exhibited at the meeting of the club last night and greatly admired. This is undoubtedly the finest piece of penmanship in the territory, and will be highly prized by the family of the deceased.

The resolutions, which have not been heretofore published, are as follows:

Whereas, In the dispensation of his divine providence it has pleased the great ruler of the universe to call from mortality our late colleague, friend and counselor, Wendell Benson, while the future was apparently so full of hope, promise and prosperity.

Resolved, That in our natural sorrow we lament the misfortune of our club in being deprived of the presence and services of one of its organizers and most useful and enthusiastic members; that we cherish his memory as a devoted husband, an indulgent and an upright man and an exemplary citizen who was noble in instinct, courageous by heritage and liberal by enlightenment.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with those who were bound to the deceased by the tenderest ties of relationship and humanity in their affliction and profound sorrow and that we commend them for consolation to Him whose power and will are infinite and whose acts surpasseth the understanding of men, and trust that they that we all—may meet in the Golden Summer Land of the Great Beyond and remain united in the same as a token of our remembrance and friendship there, and that the holy mission thus formed may unite us as the links of an endless chain in our journey through the flowery walks of future life.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this club, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased as a token of respect and esteem in which he was held by us.

JOHN T. CAINE, BYRON GROOM, JOHN E. HANSEN, H. G. WHITNEY, J. A. WILLIAMS.

SOAP STILLED THE STORMY SEAS.

During the late storm in the Adriatic Captain Gall, of the